



OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-07

"AN ORDER MANDATING ALL HOSPITAL INSTITUTIONS AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, INCLUDING THE SAN PABLO CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY, TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEILLANCE, RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUSPECTED CASES OF COVID-19 (2019-nCoV Acute Respiratory Disease [ARD])"

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the COVID-19 outbreak as pandemic in magnitude in view of the global spread of the new disease of international concern;

WHEREAS, such COVID-19 threat was initially addressed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte when he issued Proclamation No. 922 on March 08, 2020 declaring a *"State of Public Health Emergency"* throughout the entire Philippines, thereby empowering all government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) to mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate or curtail its effects and impact to the community;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Proclamation No. 929 was separately issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a *"State of Calamity"* throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 which further provides the National Government and the Local Government Units (LGUs) the ample latitude in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, recent verified reports revealed that there are hospitals and health facilities operating in the City of San Pablo that openly refuse or decline to respond to and manage patients showing ARD signs, such as Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) or Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), or other symptoms suspectedly related to 2019-nCoV;

WHEREAS, such distressing non-cooperation towards an immediate and vital response to and management of such patients is a clear transgression of the presidential mandates and directly in contravention of the strenuous efforts exerted by the whole government in order to preclude or eradicate the highly probable spread of the lethal virus, not only in the City, but likewise in the neighboring communities;

NOE, THEREFORE, I, **LORETO S. AMANTE**, as the **City Mayor of the City of San Pablo, Province of Laguna**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order—

SECTION 1. All hospital institutions and health facilities in the City of San Pablo are hereby mandated to actively participate in the surveillance, response and management of patients showing ARD signs or symptoms suspiciously in relation to COVID-19. Among others, no any patient manifesting ARD signs or symptoms, such as Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) or Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), among others, shall be refused acceptance and management by such hospitals or health facilities for any reason whatsoever, including financial constraints;

SECTION 2. All hospitals and health facilities in the City of San Pablo are hereby strictly enjoined to abide by and comply with the DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0072 dated February 03, 2020 defining the *"Interim Guidelines for 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) Response in Hospitals and Other Health Facilities"* as reiterated by DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0049 dated February 10, 2020;

SECTION 3. Any person or entity found to have violated this Order shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332, or otherwise known as *"An Act Providing Policies and Prescribing Procedures on Surveillance and Response to Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics, and Health Events of Public Health Concern, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Act No. 3573, Otherwise known as the "Law on Reporting of Communicable Diseases"*. In the specific, Section 9(d) of the said Act categorically prohibits the act of ***"non-cooperation of person and entities that should report and/or respond to notifiable diseases or health events of public concern"***.

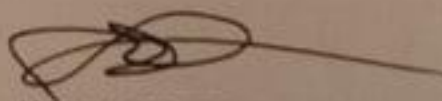
Section 10 of the same Act is hereby adopted insofar as the penalties provided for violation thereof, *i.e.*, the cancellation of the Business License and/or Mayor's Permit of the erring facility, institution, agency, corporation, school or legal entity, without prejudice to the prescribed penalties for violation of the Act which include a fine of not less than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P 20,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the proper court. Moreover, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the license to practice of any medical professional for violation of such Act, while the Civil Service Commission (CSC) shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the civil service eligibility of any erring public servant. And further, if the violation of the Act is committed by a public or private health facility, institution, agency, corporation, school, or other juridical entity duly organized in accordance with law, the chief executive officer, president, general manager, or such other officer in charge shall be held liable thereto.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.- All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause.- This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof, unless sooner revoked, repealed or modified.

DONE in the City of San Pablo, Province of Laguna this 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.


HON. LORETO S. AMANTE
City Mayor